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THE SPRING DRIVE

Our boys are going "Over the top" and into "No man's land" this spring. No one has any doubt of their ability to get there. There will also be a spring drive on this side of the ocean, because March is the year's "blue Monday." It is the most fatal month of the year. March and April is a time when resistance usually is at lowest ebb. It is a trying season for the "rundown" man or woman. But medical science steps in, and says it need not be. We should cultivate a love of health, a sense of responsibility for the care of our bodies. Do not allow the machinery of the body to clog. Put the stomach and liver in proper condition. Take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, to be had at most drug stores in tablet form in 60-cent vials, composed of native herbs. This puts the stomach and liver in proper condition. You may be plodding along, no spring, no elasticity, no vim, but as soon as you have put the body into its normal physical condition—oiled the machinery, as it were—you will find new vim, vigor and vitality within you. A little "pep," and we laugh and live. Try it now. Don't wait! Today is the day to begin. A little energy will save the day. The prime necessity of life is health. With spirit and energy you have the power to force yourself into action. The Golden Medical Discovery is the spring tonic which you need. Send Dr. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., 10c for trial pkg.

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Before an insurance company will take a risk on your life the examining physician will test your water and report whether you are a good risk. When your kidneys get sluggish and clog, you suffer from backache, sick-headache, dizzy spells, or twinges and pains of lumbago, rheumatism and gout, or sleep is disturbed two or three times a night.

You can readily overcome such conditions, prolong life and drive the urine acid out of the system by taking Anuric in tablet form. It was the discovery of Dr. Pierce of the Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y. Send him ten cents for trial package Anuric. Many times more potent than lithia. Try it now!

BRIEF CHRONICLES BY LAND AND SEA

Ticks and Flashes Which Bulletin in Condensed Style the News of the World.

PARAGRAPHIC WAR HISTORY

Events at Washington Which Loom Large as Crucial Happenings—Industrial Activities at Home and Abroad.

WAR BULLETINS

Germany does not dare fight the British grand fleet on the high seas, said an English newspaper, or else she would have taken this cheaper way rather than spend an enormous number of lives on the western front.

Wide discontent against the war reigns in Vienna, and Austria faces her greatest peril within the empire, where "security no longer exists" and the populace becomes more and more friendly to the entente.

The Germans are being held by Haig's armies, who now are engaged in trying to push back the invaders.

Military observers see signs of an impending counter attack of considerable magnitude by the allies against the newly won German positions on the Messines Ridge. French reinforcements have reached the British lines and the British advance which General Maurice reported is regarded as significant.

Baillet, Wulverghem and Wyt-schaete fell into German hands after an all night battle, together with the greater part of Messines ridge.

Germany has called up half a million more men to the colors, Lloyd George announced in the house of commons, adding that this made the passage of the man power bill imperative.

Messines ridge is the key to the Ypres sector, and its possession will give the Germans a commanding position in starting a new drive.

WASHINGTON

"I am here to build ships, and I expect to build them," is the message of Charles M. Schwab to the country as he takes up his duties as director general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

Proposals to increase the fixed price on wheat to \$2.50 a bushel were defeated in the house, partly through the aid of the President's opposition to the measure.

A bill to fix the maximum price for raw cotton, when sold by the producer or dealer to the manufacturer, at 20 cents a pound during the war, was introduced by Representative Emerson of Ohio.

The senate passed the silver bill providing for the melting into bullion \$350,000,000 to meet foreign trade balances.

Ninety-five per cent. of the people of the United States are willing to trust the President with all the power he needs for carrying on the war, Senator Beckham told the senate in discussing the Overman bill.

The railroad administration is prepared to ask for a large coal freight rate increase if the fuel administration stands pat on its decree requiring the railroads to pay the government's price for coal.

War department orders will result in all German captives in America being put on road work at once.

Trial by military authorities and death as the penalty for disloyalty are proposed in a bill introduced by Senator Chamberlain.

The sabotage bill, without the strike penalty, passes the senate and is ready for the President's signature.

Friends of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge will propose him as chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee if the fight on Senator Hitchcock keeps the latter from succeeding the late Senator Stone.

GENERAL

The government must fix prices to market the nation's food according to the war's demands, says Mr. Hoover, addressing the Pittsburgh Press Club.

War bonuses were granted to 5,000 munition workers of the Jeannette Iron plant of Hazelton, Pa. The bonuses were 10 per cent. of their wages for the last three months' earnings.

A bill empowering the President to take over any railroad, electric line or interurban line the possession of which is necessary to the building or equipping of ships has been passed by the house.

Rain over northwest has been of sufficient amount to carry the spring wheat and other spring planted crops well into May without need for additional moisture.

The house passed a "porkless" rivers and harbors appropriation bill carrying \$20,000,000.

Secretary Baker says "the American soldier in France is making good."

A midnight curfew for girls under eighteen is being considered in New York city, according to an intimation of Assistant District Attorney Smith, in the scheme to clean up the city. Raids on dance halls also are contemplated.

The greatest contest for world trade in history is now being prepared for by the larger nations, members of the Committee on National Exports Control declared in their report. Even Germany is formulating big schemes while carrying on the war, they declare.

Other communities, including New York, act to curb the sales of German language newspapers following the ban placed upon such sheets in Hackensack, N. J.

Indications in shipbuilding circles are that the advent of Charles M. Schwab as director general of shipbuilding will result in important changes in the personnel of the federal administration of affairs at Hog Island.

A Citizens' Committee placed a ban on the sale of German language newspapers in Hackensack, N. J., and the dealers obeyed. Other towns are to take similar action.

The Railroad Commission completed its recommendations for wage increases for railroad employees.

Japanese marines are in Vladivostok merely to help police the city and not for any political or international reason, it was shown by the report of Ambassador Francis.

The food administration in New York ordered 19 bakeries to close their shops for three days as the result of violations of the food regulations. Several were punished for hoarding wheat.

German-American War

One of the most heroic deeds of the war is credited to Doctor Patton of New York in a special cable dispatch from Don Martin, New York Herald correspondent with the American army. Doctor Patton saved the lives of 20 gas victims, operating without a mask until he himself collapsed.

The American War Cross has been awarded to Lieutenants Winslow and Campbell, who brought down two German aviators.

About forty German prisoners, one of whom was said to have commanded a U boat, were brought to this side on a former German liner. It was reported that some of the prisoners were captured by American soldiers on the battle front in France.

German reports place the number of American troops now engaged in trench warfare at 210,000. This may not include the Americans fighting in Picardy.

The repulse by American troops, outnumbered two to one, of 400 picked German shock troops on the River Meuse becomes a German victory by the stroke of a pen.

Three thousand young men are taking examinations of the Naval Academy, double the number of any previous examination.

SPORTING

Monte Carlo Mona Lisa, owned by Julius M. Fangmann, won prize for best of breed at tenth annual show of French Bulldog Club of America.

Heavyweight championship fight between Jess Willard and Fred Fulton will be held in Twin Cities providing a subscription of \$10,000 is raised by St. Paul and Minneapolis.

The official notice summoning Grover Cleveland Alexander, star pitcher for the Chicago Cubs, to go with the draft quota from Howard county, Neb., to Camp Funston April 30 was sent to Chicago by Alexander's draft board.

Catcher William Killefer is captain of the Chicago Nationals.

The Cleveland Indians obtained Germany Schaefer, famous baseball clown, from the New York Giants. Hereafter Germany will be known as plain Herman for patriotic reasons, President Dunn announced.

Rube Marquard's appeal for deferred classification in the draft list on the ground that he has a dependent wife and child was refused by the Federal Appeal Board, to which body the noted Brooklyn twirler had carried his request.

City authorities of Paris have laid out three baseball diamonds in the Bois de Boulogne for the use of the American Expeditionary Force League.

William Killefer, battery mate of Grover Cleveland Alexander of the Chicago Cubs, who was drafted recently, was placed in Class 1-A, subject to immediate call, by the District Draft Board at Kalamazoo, Mich. Killefer was originally placed in Class 4-A by the local board at Paw Paw. The government appealed the case.

FOREIGN

Confirmation of the resignation of the Hungarian cabinet and the appointment of Count Tisza as premier was received in London.

Bonar Law, speaking in the commons, said he expected conscription to be enforced before August 1 in Ireland.

Lord Milner was appointed minister of war, to succeed Lord Derby, who has gone to Paris as ambassador.

General Rawlinson, commanding a British army in the Somme battle, has written a letter commending the American engineers who formed an important part of the improvised army which filled the gap in the allied line.

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DAVID LLOYD GEORGE

British Premier Will Resign Unless Ireland Gets Home Rule.



George N. Barnes, Labor member of the British war cabinet, without portfolio, announced in the house of commons that the government intended to introduce a home rule bill immediately and would use every pressure to pass it. Mr. Barnes announced that the Lloyd George government would resign if the house of lords refused to pass the new home rule bill.

CAPTIVES AT CAPITAL

Red Patch on Hip an Excellent Target for Marksmen.

Under Heavy Guard, Officers and Men of Captured Submarine U-58 Are Sent to a Georgia Prison Camp.

Washington. — Thirty-eight surly, sneering, well fed and alert Germans, the captured crew of the submarine U-58, taken by the United States destroyers Fanning and Nicholson last November, passed through Washington. Their appearance was startling. Few persons in the great union station, used to the constant stream of soldiers, realized that these were the first prisoners of war captured by Americans. They were under heavy guard of trim khaki clad United States regulars, commanded by a captain, who plainly indicated he meant business.

The captives came off the Southern Railway train in column of twos, led by their commander, Capt. Lieut. Gustave Anseberger, and his other officers, Otto von Ritgen, Paul Schroether, Frederick Muller and Henry Ropke. Following them were 33 of the crew. The officers were neatly dressed in their blue, with gold insignia. They glanced around the great station and grinned at each other. Back of them came the 33 men of the crew. They were in well worn and well used blue and the heavy canvas clothes of the machinists. All of the men were undersized and the crew seemed composed mostly of boys from eighteen to twenty, while the officers were not more than twenty-five to thirty-five.

On the back of the right leg of each, between the hip and the knee, was a large oval patch of red, eight inches high and six inches across. This could be seen easily a mile away.

"What's that for?" a sergeant was asked.

"That's what the Heinies have been asking us," he replied. "Let any of them try to run and he will find out pretty quick. Red is the best thing in the world to shoot at."

Wets Win 21 New York Cities. Albany, N. Y.—Wets and drys ran neck and neck in the two-day special election. Returns from 39 of the cities in which the elections were held showed that 18 had gone dry and 21 wet.

Will Aid Britain in Paying Trade Balances in India. Washington. — The Pittman silver bill, which will use \$350,000,000 of silver dollars to pay trade balances, was passed by the senate. The \$350,000,000 will be taken from a reserve of \$476,000,000 dollars of silver now held in the treasury. It will be melted into bullion and sent abroad to pay war credits. For every ounce of the silver taken out new silver will be purchased at "not more than \$1" per ounce.

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U. S. WILL RUN BARGE CANAL

McAdoo Seizes \$100,000,000 Waterway to Relieve Railroad Strain.

BIG FLEET TO BE BUILT.

G. A. Tomlinson of Duluth to Be General Manager—Grain and Coal to Be Carried—Whitman Approves of Plan.

Washington.—Director General McAdoo ordered the Erie and New York state barge canal system to be taken over by the railroad administration. To relieve freight traffic the director general announced that "he had decided to construct as quickly as possible and put into operation a line of barges to be operated by the government on the canal."

"The barges," the announcement continued, "will be of modern construction of the most approved type and will be operated in conjunction with and as a part of the general railroad and waterways transportation system of the country under the control of the director general of railroads."

Several hundred steel barges of about 700 tons each will be ordered immediately from construction companies on the Great Lakes, and the first of these probably can be completed in five or six weeks. Each will cost about \$60,000. The intensive use of the new barges in the late summer and fall is planned, and investigation is being made of the practicability of concrete barges which, it is said, can be built quickly and cheaply.

In his announcement Mr. McAdoo said: "G. A. Tomlinson of Duluth, Minn., a man of large practical experience in lake navigation, has been appointed general manager of the Erie canal operations, including the construction of the barges and general equipment."

This is the first inland waterway whose operation under the railroad administration has been decided on as a result of the extensive investigation made by the Committee on Inland Waterways of the railroad administration. Within a few weeks, however, the director general is expected to order several other canal systems and navigable rivers, including the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, the Black Warrior river, in Alabama.

The canal system running from Buffalo to Waterford, near Troy, on the Hudson river, is capable of carrying about 10,000,000 tons of freight a season, and probably half of that amount will be hauled this year. Grain from Buffalo and coal from Ithaca and Watkins, N. Y., will be the principal commodities transported.

Title to the Canal Stays With State.

Albany, N. Y.—Under the constitution of the state the title of the Erie canal property must remain with and be maintained by the state. Director General McAdoo's announcement was interpreted to mean that the railroad administration would simply direct the operation of freight and the disposition of barges and boats.

Little construction work remains to be done on the canal, and it is expected that within a few weeks the entire system will be open to navigation.

CHICAGO FEARS ICE FAMINE.

Hospitals and Private Homes Supplied First, Dealers Agree.

Chicago.—Ice will be served to Chicago hotels and saloons only after hospitals and private homes have been supplied. This agreement has been reached by Chicago ice dealers, it is announced by John P. Boyle, Chicago secretary of the National Association of Ice Industries. The agreement also includes a provision that 50 cents a hundred is to be the maximum price charged hospitals and private consumers, although the price charged hotels and saloons may go higher in the event of a serious ice famine.

Done in the District of Columbia, this 18th day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-second.

By the President:
WOODROW WILSON.
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CHARLES M. SCHWAB

In Complete Charge of Construction of U. S. Merchant Marine.



APRIL 26 LIBERTY DAY

By Proclamation of President Wilson Is to Be a Holiday.

Requests People of the United States to Assemble in Afternoon and Pledge Anew Their Support.

Washington.—President Wilson issued a proclamation setting apart Friday, April 26, as Liberty Day. The President's proclamation is as follows:

By the President of the United States of America:
A proclamation.

An enemy who has grossly abused the power of organized government, and who seeks to dominate the world by the might of the sword, challenges the rights of America and the liberty and life of all the free nations of the earth. Our brave sons are facing the fire of battle in defense of the honor and rights of America and the liberty of nations. To sustain our gallant associates in the war a generous and patriotic people have been called upon to subscribe to the Third Liberty Loan.

Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do appoint Friday, the twenty-sixth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, as Liberty Day. On the afternoon of that day I request the people of the United States to assemble in their respective communities and liberally buy, pledge anew their financial support to sustain the nation's cause.

Patriotic demonstrations should be held in every city, town and hamlet throughout the land under the general direction of the secretary of the treasury and the immediate direction of the Liberty Loan committees organized by the federal reserve banks. Let the nation's response to the Third Liberty Loan express in unmistakable terms the determination of America to fight for peace, the permanent peace of justice.

For the purpose of participating in Liberty Day celebrations all employees of the federal government whose services can be spared may be excused at 12 o'clock noon, Friday, the 26th of April.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

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9 AMERICANS SLAIN IN MEXICO.

Four Killed on Same Floor of Hotel Near Tampico.

New Orleans.—Nine Americans were slain at and near Tampico, Mexico, a fortnight ago, according to a report made by Captain F. M. Sadler, just returned. "Four of the Americans were killed on the same floor of the hotel at which I was stopping the night of April 6," said he. "There are many Germans in the city, and they are pronounced in their attitude of dislike toward Americans."

FOR \$40,000,000 EXPRESS MERGER.

Plans to Consolidate All Companies Into One Before United States.

Washington.—Express company officials discussed with the railroad administration a proposal to consolidate companies into one corporation which would be authorized by Director General McAdoo to conduct all the express business in the country. The corporation would have a capital stock of about \$40,000,000, divided among the companies in proportion to the physical valuation of their property.